

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1414
By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Claude and Ruby Nell Cavin of Hancock County on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1955, Claude and Ruby Nell Cavin were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Claude Cavin is the son of the late H.M. and Maude Buchanan Cavin, and Ruby Cavin is the daughter of the late Herman and Minnie Hobbs Snodgrass of Lee County, Virginia; the couple met through Claude's best friend, Obie Edds, and Ruby's sister, Neva, who were dating at the time; and

WHEREAS, Claude and Ruby's first date was the Alumni Banquet in 1953 at the Hancock County High School; they dated for two-and-a-half years and were married at the home of Reverend W.M. Chitum in Tazewell, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Claude Cavin first worked at Ewing Hardware in Ewing, Virginia, while Ruby worked for Van Grabeel in his grocery and dry goods store in Rose Hill; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Claude Cavin was an active member of the 10/30th Engineer Battalion Army National Guard from 1957 to 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Claude and Ruby purchased a 100-acre farm in Hancock County, and six years later, they built a home in the Alanthus Hill community, where they still reside today as highly respected citizens; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Claude Cavin began his farming career by raising stock cattle and growing cane, tobacco, corn, and hay; he also sold Rainbow fertilizer and worked as a school bus driver for Hancock County from 1966 to 1978, while Ruby continued in her position with Grabeel's Store; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the couple celebrated the birth of their first child, Carol Claudette; Ruby later resigned from Grabeel's to become a full-time mother, housewife, and farmer, and in 1969, the couple celebrated the birth of their second child, Clark Christopher; and

WHEREAS, pursuing his interest in politics, Claude Cavin was elected to the County Court Commission as a Magistrate in 1972, and he served the citizens of Hancock County for ten years in this position; Ruby accepted a job as a bus driver for Upper East Tennessee Head Start, where she remained for the next eight years; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Cavins celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to James Robert Louthen; Carol had recently graduated from college as a Registered Nurse, which had been Claude's dream for her, and at the time of her marriage was employed at a Lee County, Virginia hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Cavin took an office job with Ewing Livestock in 1984, while Claude continued to farm and sell fertilizer; their son, Clark, graduated from Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center as an X-ray Technician and took a position with a local Kentucky hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Claude and Ruby Cavin celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Melissa Dawn Louthen; both Claude and Ruby went to work as school bus drivers for Hancock County, with Ruby as the primary driver and Claude as the back-up driver, and they both continue to be active substitute drivers to this day; and

WHEREAS, the Cavin's second grandchild, Brittany Nicole Louthen, was born in 1992, and in 2003, they rejoiced with their son, Clark, as he wed Vicky Denise Arnette; and

WHEREAS, today, the Cavins are busy and active raising cattle on their farm, with the help of their son, Clark; Claude Cavin continues to sell fertilizer, and Ruby still works with Ewing Livestock; and

WHEREAS, Ruby and Claude Cavin are devout and active members of the Ingles Chapel Church, which they have served faithfully for many years; they credit their success and happiness to their faith in God and are most thankful for His many blessings upon them; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Cavins' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Claude and Ruby Nell Cavin on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.